



# Grants for Tribes and Tribal Entities

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***NOTE – Grant guidelines and deadlines are subject to periodic change. Please check the program web sites (linked to the grant title) for new information. Many of the deadlines listed are projected from the last funding round and are particularly unreliable. Please make sure you are using the most recent information!***

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**CULTURAL PROGRAM FUNDING**

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<a href="#">Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Grants to Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations: Tribal Heritage Grants</a>	\$5,000 - \$40,000. No match required, but projects with additional commitment score higher.	Preserving and protecting significant cultural and historic resources.	March 31	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) locating and identifying cultural resources, including the survey and inventory of historic or significant places and the survey of traditional skills and information; 2) preserving a historic property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including project planning and repair work to preserve a specific historic structure or site; 3) comprehensive preservation planning; 4) oral history and documenting cultural traditions; 5) education and training for building a historic preservation program; or 6) other projects involving cultural and historic preservation.
<a href="#">Alliance for California Traditional Arts: Living Cultures Grants Program</a>	Up to \$5,000	Sustaining and strengthening folk and traditional arts in California.	July 15	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) workshops and gatherings; 2) conservation, creation, and acquisition of important traditional arts items; 3) purchase of equipment and materials; 4) documentation of traditional arts, skills, ceremonies, beliefs, or performances; 5) public presentations, workshops and gatherings; and 6) other types of projects that lead to active participation in traditional arts practices within and between cultural communities.
<a href="#">The Endangered Language Fund: Native Voices</a>	\$2,500 - \$10,000. 1:1 match required, can be in-kind.	Revitalizing and perpetuating the aboriginal languages of the American Indian Nations.	October	Salaries, equipment, supplies, consultant fees, travel, and publication subventions are eligible. Eligible salaries may include those for tribally enrolled teachers, mentors, researchers, traditional teachers, elders, and storytellers.

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<a href="#">Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture</a>	Up to \$600	Supporting libraries and community organizations seeking to introduce a literacy program that reaches out to American Indian children and their families.	March	Supported projects celebrate and explore American Indian cultural stories through books, oral traditions, and art. Funds may be used for purchasing library materials such as books, audiovisual materials, and supplies for activities/crafts, and for programming costs such as hiring a storyteller.
<a href="#">Native Languages of the Americas: Native American Language Grants</a>	\$10,000 or less. Requests of \$1,000 are more likely to be funded.	Supporting the survival of Amerindian languages. All proposals to work with a living language must include the involvement of native speakers of that language.	Rolling	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) Language classes or language immersion programs for children or adults; 2) the creation of language learning books, tapes, CDs, multimedia, or computer games; 3) audio or video recording of elders speaking endangered languages; 4) the production of dictionaries or texts written in Native American languages; 5) the promotion of literature, song, or other living usage of Native American languages; 6) language clubs, elder connections, or other programs to encourage youth to use their language; 7) native-language websites, chat rooms, or online audio recordings; 8) intertribal language standardization or maintenance meetings between different tribes sharing the same language; 9) serious efforts to revive or reconstruct Native American languages that are no longer spoken; 10) tribally commissioned linguistic research.

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<a href="#"><u>Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance: Esther Martinez Institute</u></a>	\$100,000 - \$300,000. 20 percent match required.	Supporting community-based projects and activities that are designed to assist Native Americans in ensuring the survival and continuing vitality of their languages, while simultaneously contributing to the social and economic development of their communities.	April	1) Language nest projects: providing instruction and child care through the use of a Native American language and ensuring a Native American language is the dominant medium of instruction; 2) language survival school projects: working toward a goal of all students achieving fluency in a Native American language and academic proficiency; 3) language restoration projects: using immersion techniques to provide instruction in at least one Native American language and working toward the goal of increasing proficiency and fluency in that language.
<a href="#"><u>Indian Land Tenure Foundation: Cultural Awareness Grants</u></a>	Sacred site protection awards range from \$5,000 to \$50,000; tribal land history awards range from \$15,000 to \$60,000.	Revitalizing cultural and spiritual values related to Indian lands and nations. This program supports projects that use Indian land to help Indian people recover and maintain their culture.	Rolling	Projects must fall within one of the following funding areas: 1) sacred site protection: support to conduct historical and cultural research to rediscover and document sacred sites for the purpose of preservation and protection, as well as public and tribal awareness, not inclusive of the purchase of lands; 2) tribal land histories: supporting research on tribal land histories that explore not only the land tenure changes to the aboriginal land base over time, but also the cultural and spiritual aspects of the tribes' historic and modern land tenure; 3) share an idea: support for unique and innovative projects from the community that serve to enlighten cultural awareness and have a significant impact on land issues in Indian Country.

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<a href="#">Tribal Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Operations Allocations</a>	Depends on tribe. In the range of \$50,000 - \$70,000.	Protecting and conserving important tribal, cultural, and historic assets and sites.	May	Support will assist tribal Historic Preservation Offices in executing their historic preservation programs and activities pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act and other relevant laws. Projects must fall under one of the following program areas: 1) Administration; 2) Planning; 3) Survey and inventory; 4) Review and compliance; 5) National Register of Historic Places nominations; 6) Development/acquisition/covenants; 7) Tax credits; 8) Local government certifications; 9) Education projects; and 10) Other projects.
<a href="#">Native American Library Services: Basic Grants</a>	\$6,000 - \$7,000	Supporting existing library operations and maintaining core library services.	April	These are non-competitive grants distributed equally to eligible applicants. Funding can be used 1) for library staff to attend continuing education courses and training workshops; 2) for library staff to attend or give presentations at conferences related to library services; 3) and to hire a consultant for an on-site professional library assessment.
<a href="#">Native American Library Services: Enhancement Grants</a>	\$10,000 - \$150,000. Cost sharing is encouraged, but not required.	Enhancing existing Native American library services or implementing new library services.	April	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) Creating and preserving cultural materials; 2) presenting cultural programs; 3) inventorying collections; 4) mentoring; 5) assessment of library needs and opportunities; 6) community learning; 7) building literacy; 8) collaboration with schools; 9) story collections; 10) summer reading programs; etc.
<a href="#">California Arts Council: Cultural Pathways</a>	\$5,000 per year for two years	To strengthen the capacity of small, new and emerging arts groups that serve and represent the diversity of California.	March	The program is designed to support the cultural work that is developed within a community to authentically express, celebrate, and cultivate the identity of that community. Successful applicants will also receive technical assistance and professional development training to: 1) strengthen their organizational infrastructure, and 2) provide direct learning opportunities for key administrative and artistic personnel.

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<a href="#"><u>National Endowment for the Arts (NEA): Our Town Program: Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects</u></a>	\$25,000 - \$200,000. 1:1 non-federal match required.	Supporting creative placemaking projects that contribute towards the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core.	September	Eligible project activities include arts engagement, public art, cultural district planning, design of public spaces, and community engagement activities including design charrettes, design competitions, and community design workshops.
<a href="#"><u>National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations Implementation Grants</u></a>	\$50,000 - \$100,000	Projects with the potential to reach broad audiences while deepening public understanding and encouraging dialogue and discussion of significant humanities questions. Can include interpretation of historic sites and areas.	August	Final scholarly research and consultation, design development, production, and installation of a project for presentation to the public.
<a href="#"><u>First Nations Development Institute: Native Youth and Culture Fund</u></a>	\$5,000 - \$20,000	Enhancing culture and language awareness, and promoting youth empowerment, leadership, and community building.	March	Cultural programs, internships, projects, and youth participation in educational and cultural opportunities.
<a href="#"><u>Humanities Access Grants</u></a>	\$50,000 - \$100,000 over two years. 1:1 matching is required.	Capacity building for humanities programs that benefit youth, communities of color, and/or economically disadvantaged populations.	May	Eligible costs include 1) salaries and benefits for humanities personnel; 2) acquisitions for collections; 3) public programming and outreach expenses; 4) lecture or exhibition series; 5) media or digitization costs; 6) research fellowships; 7) visiting researchers, scholars, or consultants; 8) programs for preserving and conserving collections; and 9) internships for Native American students at tribal museums.

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<a href="#"><u>Running Strong For American Indian Youth: Dreamstarter Grant</u></a>	\$10,000 to the mentoring organization, \$500 to the youth being mentored	Providing opportunities for American Indian youth to realize their dreams of creating stronger communities, overcoming poverty, and building a better tomorrow for themselves and their families.	December	This program provides funding to teams composed of an individual American Indian youth and his or her mentoring organization working together to develop an idea that benefits youth in American Indian communities in the area of arts and culture. Eligible projects will be based on ideas that promote cultural expression and support artistic endeavors in the community, including projects in the culinary arts, visual arts, performance, or other art forms. Projects should be inspired by a dream the youth team member has for his or her community. Projects may serve Native populations on or off reservations, as well as in urban areas.
<a href="#"><u>First Peoples Worldwide Indigenous Development Grants</u></a>	Up to \$5,000	Empowering indigenous communities to address local issues by taking control of their own assets.	October	Projects for indigenous people that seek to control, utilize, leverage, retain, create, and increase the assets of their communities. Among these assets are land, culture, language, kinship networks, subsistence activities, and personal efficacy. Projects may be geared toward the development of a sustaining and long-lasting process to address issues such as 1) securing rights to ancestral lands; 2) mitigating the effects of climate change; 3) food security; or 4) preserving and renewing cultural values and traditional knowledge.

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING**

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<a href="#">AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Grants</a>	Funding is mostly in the form of cost reimbursement for volunteer stipends. Match is required. \$75,000 is available for planning grants.	Supporting tribes and tribal organizations in conducting projects that engage AmeriCorps members in solving community problems.	May	Living allowance costs, administrative costs, and program costs.
<a href="#">U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business Development Grants</a>	No maximum amount, but smaller grants are preferred. Match not required, but impacts scoring.	Projects that finance and facilitate development of small and emerging private rural businesses.	June	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) technical assistance (including feasibility studies); 2) training programs; 3) small business lending programs; 4) community economic development; 5) long-term business planning; and 6) rural distance learning networks.
<a href="#">USDA Rural Community Development Initiative</a>	\$50,000 - \$250,000. 1:1 cash match required.	Developing the capacity and ability of rural nonprofits, low-income communities, and federally recognized tribes to undertake housing, community facilities, or economic development projects.	August	Technical assistance and capacity building related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development, including staff assistance, training, predevelopment consultations, strategic planning, entrepreneurial training, and some computer and software expenses.
<a href="#">USDA Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program</a>	\$50,000 - \$500,000	Loans and technical assistance grants to business assistance organizations to assist rural micro-enterprises.	Unknown	Loan funds obtained are then re-loaned to rural microenterprises. Technical assistance grants are used to provide business training services.

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<a href="#">Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Community Development Block Grants</a>	Varies based on tribal population	Developing viable Indian communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate income persons.	Usually in October or November	Several categories of funding, including: 1) Housing: Rehabilitation, land acquisition to support new housing construction, and under limited circumstances, new housing construction; 2) Community Facilities: Infrastructure construction, e.g., roads, water and sewer facilities; and single or multipurpose community buildings; 3) Economic Development – a wide variety of commercial, industrial, or agricultural projects which may be recipient owned and operated or which may be owned and/or operated by a third party.
<a href="#">USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program</a>	\$15,000 - \$100,000. No match required.	Developing new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations through training and assistance to farmers markets, roadside stands, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.	June	Outreach, training, technical assistance, and business assistance.
<a href="#">Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) Economic Development Initiative</a>	\$15,000 to \$25,000	Promoting economic development opportunities on Native lands that will create jobs for Indian people living on reservations and be replicable on other reservations throughout Indian Country.	Rolling	ILTF seeks to assist Indian nations in creating economic development opportunities that help Indian communities improve their economic conditions and promote self-determination. Initiatives will address land ownership issues as well as sustainable economic development opportunities.

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<a href="#">Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) grant</a>	\$400,000, 20 percent non-federal match required	Community-driven projects designed to grow local economies; strengthen Native American families, including the preservation of Native American cultures; and decrease the high rate of current challenges caused by the lack of community-based businesses and social and economic infrastructure in Native American communities.	April	Projects that promote the creation of a sustainable local economy. Examples include: 1) Asset Building: Increasing availability of effective financial education and other asset-building strategies for individuals and families; 2) Economic Stability: Conducting the necessary planning and/or research to support achievement of long-range economic development goals; 3) Infrastructure: Developing infrastructure (transportation systems, communication, distribution networks, financial institutions, technology, etc.) to support the local workforce and make business activity possible; 4) Subsistence: Enhancing subsistence and agricultural activities to retain or revitalize traditional native food sources and practices.
<a href="#">Sustainable Employment and Economic Development Strategies grant (SEED)</a>	\$400,000, 20 percent non-federal match required	Developing employment opportunities and business creation in Native American communities.	April	The four SEEDS initiative priorities are: 1) creation of sustainable employment opportunities; 2) professional training and skill development that increases participants' employability and earning potential; 3) creation and development of small businesses and entrepreneurial activities; and 4) a demonstrated strategy and commitment to keeping the jobs and revenues generated by project activities within the native communities being served.
<a href="#">Native American Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) grants</a>	\$150,000 for technical capacity building and \$1 million for financial capacity	The CDFI Fund created the Native Initiatives program to further support the creation and expansion of Native CDFIs. Native CDFIs help Native communities thrive and grow by increasing their access to credit, capital, and financial services.	April	1) Funding awards of up to \$1 million to certified CDFIs to build their financial capacity to lend to their target markets; and 2) technical assistance grants of up to \$150,000 to build certified, certifiable, and emerging CDFIs' organizational capacity to serve their target markets.

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## HABITAT PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANTS

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<a href="#">U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) North American Wetlands Conservation Act Programs</a>	Small Grant up to \$75,000, standard Grant over \$75,000. 1:1 non-federal match required.	Protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds.	February and July is usual for Standard Grant Program, November is usual for Small Grant program.	1) Acquisition and costs related to acquisition (document preparation, appraisals, negotiation, legal, etc.), 2) restoration, and 3) enhancement.
<a href="#">USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Endangered Species Program</a>	Cost-share reimbursements depend on project.	Private landowners conserving habitat for rare, declining, or protected species.	Ongoing	Discuss with field staff.
<a href="#">National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Bring Back the Natives/More Fish</a>	\$50,000 - \$100,000. 1:1 non-federal match required, 2:1 preferred.	Protect and maintain intact and healthy aquatic systems; reverse declines in the quality and quantity of aquatic habitats to improve overall health of native fish and other aquatic organisms.	September	Restoration assessment, planning, implementation, and monitoring; water conservation infrastructure; watershed protection; invasive species management.
<a href="#">NFWF – Sierra Nevada Meadow Restoration</a>	Not stated. 1:1 match is preferred.	Implement Sierra Meadow Restoration Business Plan.	Pre-proposals are due in November and June.	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) Quantifying ecosystem service benefits; 2) building organizational capacity where restoration planning and implementation is limited; 3) repairing meadow degradation; 4) ensuring long-term protection; supporting land protection and deploying best management practices; 5) garnering support of ranching community; 6) monitoring and documenting ecological and biological responses to meadow restoration.

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<a href="#"><u>NFWF – Pulling Together Initiative</u></a>	\$25,000 - \$200,000. 1:1 non-federal match required.	To encourage the development of cooperative weed management areas (CWMAs), support significant advance of existing CWMAs, develop or strengthen prevention and early detection/rapid response efforts, enhance education, and assist awareness projects to reduce or eliminate invasive plant species.	Pre-proposals due in August	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) Establishing a CWMA; 2) acceleration of high-performing CWMAs; 3) comprehensive early detection and rapid response approaches; 4) significant on-the-ground management/ restoration projects.
<a href="#"><u>Wildlife Conservation Board Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program</u></a>	Wide range of funding, no specific limits. Some landowner contribution required.	Riparian restoration, inland wetlands, and other habitat restoration and improvement projects.	On-going. Board meets quarterly. Contact Program Officer.	Acquisition, restoration, and enhancement.
<a href="#"><u>Wildlife Conservation Board Proposition 1 Streamflow Enhancement Grants</u></a>	Maximum grant amount not stated. Match not required, but leverage is a scoring criteria.	Providing and protecting enhanced stream flow, especially where the stream supports anadromous fish, contains special status species, or provides resilience to climate change.	September	Planning, implementation, acquisition, scientific studies, monitoring, and assessments.
<a href="#"><u>California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reductions</u></a>	No maximum or minimum. Match not required, but adds to score.	Achieving net GHG reductions through restoration or enhancement of wetlands or mountain meadows.	December	Planning, implementation, indirect costs.
<a href="#"><u>CDFW Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration &amp; Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Programs</u></a>	Maximum grant amount not stated. Match not required, but adds to score.	Watershed restoration and protection projects inside and outside the Delta, including water quality, ecosystem restoration, and fish protection facilities.	September	Planning, implementation, acquisition, and scientific studies/monitoring/assessments. Indirect costs also allowed up to 20 percent of the project cost. Planning grants can include funding for environmental compliance work.

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<a href="#">Department of Water Resources (DWR) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grants</a>	Depends on solicitation. General match requirement is 50 percent, but can be waived for disadvantaged communities.	Very broad – the project must address statewide priorities and be listed in the region’s IRWM Plan.	Set periodically. New Proposition 1 guidelines are expected in Spring or Summer 2016.	Very broad. Includes removal of invasive non-native species, the creation and enhancement of wetlands, and the acquisition, protection, and restoration of open space and watersheds.
<a href="#">U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant Program</a>	Grants up to \$200,000. Match is not required, but improves score.	Programs that benefit wildlife and their habitat, including species of Native American cultural or traditional importance and species that are not hunted or fished.	October	Planning, implementation, monitoring, public education, and conservation easements. Funds may be used for salaries, equipment, consultant services, subcontracts, acquisitions, and travel.
<a href="#">CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grants</a>	Depends on program category. 25 percent match required.	Planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, administration, operation, enforcement, programs, restoration, and conservation of trails, trailheads, and other facilities associated with the use of OHVs.	March	Very broad – all direct costs plus 15 percent indirect.
<a href="#">Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/NFWF 5-Star Restoration</a>	Up to \$20,000. Substantial match required.	Environmental education and training through projects that restore wetlands and streams.	February	Acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities.
<a href="#">National Forest Foundation (NFF) Matching Awards Program</a>	\$500 - \$100,000. Requires 1:1 cash match of non-federal funds.	Four focus areas: Wildlife habitat improvement, Recreation, Watershed health and restoration, and Community-based forestry.	January and June	On-the ground activities including habitat protection and enhancement, conservation projects, and stewardship projects.

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<a href="#">USDA National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Watershed and Wetlands Programs</a>	Cost-share with landowner. Amount varies by program.	Programs for watershed protection, riparian restoration, and wetlands restoration on private property. Contact local NRCS office for available program information.	Ongoing	Varies by program. Contact local office for information: <a href="http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=CA">http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=CA</a> .

## FUEL REDUCTION ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS

*Note: These grants focus on projects that remove excess trees and brush for forest health, wildfire protection, water quality, and streamflow enhancement. Grants focused on vegetation removal for meadow, riparian, or other habitat restoration can be found in the 'Habitat Restoration and Enhancement' and 'Riparian, Wetland, and Aquatic Habitat' funding categories.*

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<a href="#">DWR Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grants</a>	Depends on solicitation. General match requirement is 50 percent, but can be waived for disadvantaged communities.	Very broad – the project must address statewide priorities and be listed in the region's IRWM Plan.	Set periodically. New Proposition 1 guidelines are expected in Spring or Summer 2016.	Very broad.
<a href="#">Sierra Nevada Conservancy Watershed Improvement Grant Program</a>	Up to \$75,000 for planning grants and \$500,000 for implementation grants. Match not required, but adds to score.	Projects that will promote healthy forests and watersheds in the Sierra Nevada Region.	September and March 1	Depends on category.
<a href="#">CA Resources Agency Environmental</a>	Grants up to \$500,000 for projects, \$1 million for acquisitions. Match is not	Projects designed to offset vehicular emissions of carbon dioxide, including	July	Direct project-related costs to be incurred during the project performance period. Indirect costs and

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<a href="#"><u>Enhancement and Mitigation Program</u></a>	required, but makes the application more competitive.	enhancement of resource lands and additional mitigation related to the environmental impact of a transportation improvement.		costs incurred outside of the project performance period are not reimbursed.
<a href="#"><u>Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Mitigation Funding</u></a>	No set amount. 25 percent match required, which can be reduced to 10 percent in small, impoverished communities.	Projects to protect life and structures from wildfires. Must be located in a Wildland-Urban Interface within two miles of homes and structures.	Notice of Interest (NOI) due to the state Office of Emergency Services in March.	Defensible space measures and hazardous fuel reduction. Not available for federal lands. Not available for forest health purposes. Projects must be located in a Wildland-Urban Interface, must be adjacent to or intermingled with the built environment, and must provide protection to life and the built environment from future wildfires.
<a href="#"><u>Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Title II)</u></a>	No set amount. No set match amount, though many projects appear to have leverage.	Projects implementing stewardship objectives which enhance forest ecosystems, and restore and improve land health and water quality.	Applications are submitted through local Resource Advisory Committees and usually accepted on a rolling basis.	Planning, implementation, community education and outreach, etc. These projects are mostly on public lands, but can be on private lands if the project will impact public lands.
<a href="#"><u>NFF Matching Awards Program</u></a>	\$500 - \$100,000. Requires 1:1 cash match of non-federal funds.	Four focus areas: wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, watershed health and restoration, and community-based forestry. Must have immediate, quantifiable impact on National Forest.	January and June	On-the ground activities including habitat protection and enhancement, conservation projects, and stewardship projects.

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<a href="#">CAL FIRE Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grants</a>	This funding was available in the 2014-15 Fiscal Year (FY), but is not currently available for the 2015-16 FY. The program may be funded within this FY, but this will not be known until mid-2016.			
<a href="#">Wildlife Conservation Board CA Streamflow Enhancement Program</a>	No maximum or minimum. Match not required, but adds to score.	Projects that enhance stream flows, including habitat restoration projects (e.g., upper watershed restoration or forest thinning) that reshape a stream's hydrograph.	September	Planning, implementation, acquisition, monitoring, assessment, and scientific studies. Planning funding can include environmental review compliance.
<b>PRIVATE LAND ONLY (Non-federal, may include local or state government-owned land)</b>				
<a href="#">USDA NRCS Watershed and Wetlands Programs</a>	Cost-share with landowner. Amount varies by program.	Programs for watershed protection, riparian restoration, and wetlands restoration on private property.	Ongoing	Varies by program. Contact local NRCS office for information: <a href="http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=CA">http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=CA</a> .
<a href="#">CAL FIRE California Forest Improvement Program</a>	Cost-share with landowner. Amount varies – see User's Guide.	To ensure adequate high-quality timber supplies, related employment and other economic benefits, and the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of a productive and stable forest resource system.	Ongoing	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) Management planning; 2) site preparation; 3) tree purchase and planting; 4) timber stand improvement; 5) fish and wildlife habitat improvement; and 6) land conservation practices.

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<a href="#">Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Grant</a>	\$100,000 – 300,000. 20 percent match required.	To strengthen tribal government capacity to identify, plan, develop, and implement solutions to environmental programs that will bolster regulatory efforts in a manner that is consistent with a tribe's cultural preservation and natural resource management priorities.	April	Funding is for the costs of planning, developing, and implementing programs designed to improve the capability of tribal governing bodies to regulate environmental quality pursuant to federal and tribal environmental laws. Program areas of interest include: 1) providing training and education to employees responsible for enforcing or monitoring compliance with, environmental quality laws; 2) developing laws, regulations, and ordinances to protect the environment; 3) enforcing and monitoring environmental quality laws, regulations, and ordinances; 4) enforcing and monitoring environmental quality laws, regulations, and ordinances; 5) establishing baseline condition for regulatory purposes; 6) informing the community about regulations and environmental stewardship; 7) building the technical and program capability of the tribe or organization to perform essential environmental program functions to meet tribal and federal regulatory requirements; or 8) establishing demonstration projects to exhibit technologies, which can lead to compliance with environmental regulations.

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<a href="#"><u>USFWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act Programs</u></a>	Small Grant up to \$75,000, Standard Grant over \$75,000. 1:1 non-federal match required.	Protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds.	See web site. February and July are usual for Standard Grant Program, November is usual for Small Grant program.	Acquisition and costs related to acquisition (document preparation, appraisals, negotiation, legal, etc.), restoration, or enhancement.
<a href="#"><u>USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Endangered Species Program</u></a>	Cost-share reimbursements depend on project.	Private landowners conserving habitat for rare, declining, or protected species.	Ongoing	Discuss with field staff.
<a href="#"><u>NFWF Bring Back the Natives/More Fish</u></a>	\$50,000 - \$100,000. 1:1 non-federal match required, 2:1 preferred.	Protect and maintain intact and healthy aquatic systems; reverse declines in the quality and quantity of aquatic habitats to improve overall health of native fish and other aquatic organisms.	September	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) restoration assessment, planning, implementation, and monitoring; 2) water conservation infrastructure; 3) watershed protection; and 4) invasive species management.

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<a href="#"><u>NFWF Sierra Nevada Meadow Restoration</u></a>	Not stated. 1:1 match is preferred.	Implement Sierra Meadow Restoration Business Plan.	Pre-proposals are due November and June.	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) quantifying ecosystem service benefits; 2) building organizational capacity where restoration planning and implementation is limited; 3) repairing meadow degradation; ensuring long-term protection: supporting land protection and deploying best management practices; 4) garnering support of ranching community; and 5) monitoring and documenting ecological and biological responses to meadow restoration.
<a href="#"><u>Wildlife Conservation Board CA Streamflow Enhancement Program</u></a>	No maximum or minimum. Match not required, but adds to score.	Projects that enhance stream flows and are consistent with the CA Water Plan, with an emphasis on providing and protecting enhanced stream flow, especially in those streams that support anadromous fish, special status, threatened, endangered, or at-risk species, or provide resilience to climate change.	September	Planning, implementation, acquisition, monitoring, assessment, and scientific studies. Planning funding can include environmental review compliance.
<a href="#"><u>CDFW Wetlands Restoration for GHG Reductions</u></a>	No maximum or minimum. Match not required, but adds to score.	Achieve net GHG reductions through restoration or enhancement of wetlands or mountain meadows.	December	Planning, implementation, indirect.

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<a href="#">CDFW Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration &amp; Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Programs</a>	Not stated. Match not required, but adds to score.	The focus of the Watershed Restoration Grant Program is on watershed restoration and protection projects outside of the Delta. The Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program focuses on water quality, ecosystem restoration, and fish protection facilities that benefit the Delta.	September	Planning, implementation, acquisition, and scientific studies/monitoring/assessments.  Indirect costs not to exceed 20 percent.  Planning grants can include funding for environmental review compliance.
<a href="#">CA Resources Agency Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program</a>	Grants up to \$500,000 for projects, \$1 million for acquisitions. Match is not required, but makes the application more competitive.	Urban Forestry projects designed to offset vehicular emissions of carbon dioxide; acquisition or enhancement of resource lands near the transportation improvements; additional mitigation related to the environmental impact of the transportation improvement.	July	Direct project related costs to be incurred during the project performance period are eligible for reimbursement. Indirect costs and costs incurred outside of the project performance period are not reimbursed.
<a href="#">EPA/NFWF 5-Star Restoration</a>	Up to \$20,000. Substantial match required.	Environmental education and training through projects that restore wetlands and streams.	February	Acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities.
<a href="#">NFF Matching Awards Program</a>	\$500 - \$100,000. Requires 1:1 cash match of non-federal funds.	Four focus areas: Wildlife habitat improvement; Recreation; Watershed health and restoration; and Community-based forestry.	January and June	On-the-ground activities including habitat protection and enhancement, conservation projects, and stewardship projects.
<a href="#">CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grants</a>	Depends on program category. 25 percent match required.	Planning, development, maintenance, operation, enforcement, programs, restoration, and conservation of trails, trailheads, areas, and other facilities associated with the use of OHVs.	March	Very broad – all direct costs plus 15 percent indirect.

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<a href="#">Indian Tribes and Intertribal Consortia for Nonpoint Source (NPS) Management Grants Under Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319</a>	\$100,000. 40 percent non-federal match is required, either cash or in kind.	To support tribal environmental programs in assessing and managing their nonpoint source pollution problems and threats.	January	A wide range of activities are eligible for funding, including but not limited to: 1) NPS training for tribal staff; 2) developing watershed-based plans; 3) riparian planting; 4) livestock exclusion fencing; 5) lake protection and restoration activities; 6) NPS ordinance development; 7) outreach and education; and many more.
<a href="#">State Water Resources Control Board 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grants</a>	Planning Grants: \$75,000 – \$175,000, Implementation Grants: \$250,000 – \$750,000. 25 percent match required, but may be waived for disadvantaged communities.	Addresses nonpoint source water pollution. Provides restoration funding for waterbodies that are impaired and have established Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) as targeted by the 319(h) program. These priorities are listed in the grant guidelines.	September	Program has planning and implementation grants. Implementation projects may include project-level planning, design, construction, construction management, implementation, and monitoring. Eligible planning/assessment projects may: (1) complete an assessment, study or design; (2) prepare studies, strategies, management plans, etc.; (3) fill recognized data gaps; (4) consolidate previously completed planning work in a watershed; or (5) identify and prioritize appropriate management measures or practices.
<a href="#">DWR Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grants</a>	Depends on solicitation. General match requirement is 50 percent, but can be waived for disadvantaged communities.	Very broad – the project must address statewide priorities and be listed in the region's IRWM Plan.	Set periodically. New Proposition 1 guidelines are expected in Spring or Summer 2016.	Very broad.

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<a href="#">USDA NRCS Watershed and Wetlands programs</a>	Cost-share with landowner. Amount varies by programs.	Programs for watershed protection, riparian restoration, and wetlands restoration on private property. Contact local NRCS office for available program information.	Ongoing	Varies by program. Contact local office for information: <a href="http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=CA">http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=CA</a> .
<a href="#">U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART program</a>	\$50,000 per year for up to two years.	To improve water quality and ecological resilience, conserve water, and reduce conflicts over water through collaborative conservation efforts in the management of local watersheds.	May	Two categories of funding: one is to establish a watershed group and the other is to expand a watershed group. Funding can be used to convene stakeholders and to promote sustainable use of water resources.

**GRANTS PROVIDING FUNDING FOR LAND ACQUISITION**

<b>LAND ACQUISITION FUNDING</b>				
<b>Grant</b>	<b>Funding Range</b>	<b>Funding Focus</b>	<b>Estimated Deadline</b>	<b>Eligible Costs</b>
<a href="#">USFWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act Programs</a>	Small Grant up to \$75,000, Standard Grant over \$75,000. 1:1 non-federal match required.	Protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds.	See web site. February and July are usual for Standard Grant Program, November is usual for Small Grant program.	Acquisition and costs related to acquisition (document preparation, appraisals, negotiation, legal, etc.), restoration, and enhancement.
<a href="#">Land Buyback Program for Tribal Nations</a>	Unspecified. No match required.	Consolidating fractional land interests on reservations across Indian Country.	March for pre-proposals.	Land purchase, administration, document preparation.

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<a href="#">Wildlife Conservation Board Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program</a>	Wide range of funding, no specific limits.	Habitat and environmental restoration, including forest, riparian, wetland, and habitats for specific species such as deer and mountain lions.	On-going. Board meets quarterly. Contact Program Officer.	1) Fee simple acquisitions; 2) acquisition of perpetual conservation easements to protect privately owned wetlands, wildlife-friendly agricultural lands or open space to buffer existing wetlands from urban or residential development; 3) long-term acquisition of water for wetlands; 4) leases from landowners for specified period.
<a href="#">Wildlife Conservation Board Proposition 1 Streamflow Enhancement Grants</a>	Not stated. Match not required, but leverage is a scoring criteria.	Providing and protecting enhanced stream flow, especially where it supports anadromous fish; special-status species; or provides resilience to climate change.	September	Acquisition grants fund purchases of land and interests in land that provide a direct and measurable enhancement of stream flow to support the goals of the Program and the California Water Action Plan (CWAP). Acquisitions must be from willing sellers and at a price that does not exceed fair market value.
<a href="#">DWR Integrated Regional Water Management grants</a>	Depends on solicitation. General match requirement is 50 percent, but can be waived for disadvantaged communities.	Very broad – the project must address statewide priorities and be listed in the region's IRWM Plan.	Set periodically. New Proposition 1 guidelines are expected in Spring or Summer 2016.	Both land acquisition and easements are eligible costs.
<a href="#">USFWS Tribal Wildlife Grant Program</a>	Grants up to \$200,000. Match is not required, but improves score.	Programs that benefit wildlife and its habitat, including species of Native American cultural or traditional importance and species that are not hunted or fished.	October	Acquisition of conservation easements is eligible. Funds may be used for salaries, equipment, consultant services, subcontracts, acquisitions, and travel.

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<a href="#">CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grants</a>	Depends on program category. 25 percent match required.	Planning, development, maintenance, operation, enforcement, programs, restoration, and conservation of trails, trailheads, areas, and other facilities associated with the use of OHVs.	March or April	Can include purchase of right-of-way or easement, lease of twenty-five years or more, purchase of land in fee title, purchase of an option, and rights to use real property, such as permits or licenses. Covers all direct costs plus 15 percent indirect.
<a href="#">Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership – Agricultural Land Easements</a>	50 – 75 percent of fair market value of the easement.	Purchasing agricultural land easements that protect the agricultural use and conservation values of eligible land.	July	NRCS provides a percentage of fair market value of agricultural easements.
<a href="#">Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership - Wetland Reserve Easement</a>	Up to 100 percent of the value of the easement, depending on type.	Restore, protect, and enhance wetlands.	July	Grant can pay: 1) up to 100 percent of fair market value of wetland easement plus all costs associated with recording the easement in the local land records office, including recording fees, charges for abstracts, survey and appraisal fees, and title insurance; and 2) wetlands restoration costs.
<a href="#">Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grants</a>	\$605,000 to \$2.75 million depending on tribal population. No match required, but adds to points.	Housing, community facilities, and economic development.	July	Limited to federally recognized Native American tribes and tribal organizations. Land acquisition is allowed for housing development and possibly for other purposes.
<a href="#">EPA/NFWF 5-Star Restoration</a>	Up to \$20,000. Substantial match required.	Environmental education and training through projects that restore wetlands and streams.	February	Acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

**PARKS AND TRAILS FUNDING**

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<a href="#">CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grants</a>	Depends on program category. 25 percent match required.	Planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, administration, operation, enforcement, programs, restoration, and conservation of trails, trailheads, areas, and other facilities associated with the use of OHVs.	March	Very broad – all direct costs plus 15 percent indirect.
<a href="#">Caltrans Active Transportation Program</a>	Minimum \$250,000. Match encouraged, but not required.	Active transportation projects, particularly walking and biking.	June	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) Infrastructure projects (environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction); 2) non-infrastructure projects (education, encouragement, and enforcement activities); and 3) development of community-wide bicycle, pedestrian, safe routes to school, or active transportation plans in disadvantaged communities.
<a href="#">Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program</a>	Up to \$500,000 (\$1 million for acquisition). Match not required, but encouraged.	Urban forestry; resource lands; additional mitigation of transportation projects.	June	Direct project related costs (acquisition, restoration, or development) incurred during the project performance period. Indirect costs and costs incurred outside of the project performance period are not reimbursed.
<a href="#">National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance</a>	No funding provided, technical assistance only.	Development of parks, trails, access to rivers, and other special places.	August	Will provide staff assistance in form of planning, facilitation, design, etc.

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**ABANDONED MINE LAND (AML) RECLAMATION FUNDING**

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<a href="#">Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grants</a>	\$200,000 maximum. 20 percent match required.	Contamination on private lands. Mine-scarred lands are eligible if not federally owned or managed.	December	Assessment or cleanup funding available. Mine-scarred lands are specifically listed as eligible.
<a href="#">National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Bring Back the Natives/More Fish</a>	\$50,000 - \$100,000. 1:1 non-federal match required, 2:1 preferred.	Protect and maintain intact and healthy aquatic systems, reverse declines in the quality and quantity of aquatic habitats to improve overall health of native fish and other aquatic organisms.	Check web site. Pre-proposals generally due in June.	Funding will support projects in the following categories: 1) restoration assessment, planning, implementation, and monitoring; 2) water conservation infrastructure; and 3) watershed protection; invasive species management.  Specific fish species are targeted, so the AML would need to impact waters containing these species.
<a href="#">Wildlife Conservation Board Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program</a>	Wide range of funding, no specific limits. Some landowner contribution required.	Riparian restoration, inland wetlands, and other habitat restoration and improvement projects.	Ongoing. Board meets quarterly. Contact Program Officer.	Acquisition, restoration, and enhancement. Program could be applicable to AML projects if impacts on fish and wildlife can be documented.
<a href="#">State Water Resources Control Board 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grants</a>	Implementation grants: \$250,000 to \$800,000. 25 percent match required, but may be waived for disadvantaged communities.	Addresses nonpoint source water pollution. Provides restoration funding for waterbodies that are impaired and have established Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) as targeted by the 319(h) program. These priorities are listed in the grant guidelines.	September	Would have to be for projects with relevant TMDLs. Implementation projects may include project-level planning, design, construction, construction management, implementation, and monitoring.

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<a href="#">Department of Water Resources Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grants</a>	Depends on solicitation. General match requirement is 50 percent, but can be waived for disadvantaged communities.	Very broad – the project must address statewide priorities and be listed in the region’s IRWM Plan.	Set periodically. New Proposition 1 guidelines are expected in Spring or Summer 2016.	Very broad. Past projects funded include riparian restoration and water quality improvement, and Cosumnes American Bear Yuba (CABY) IRWM group had a specific mercury and sediment abatement project funded (Sierra Fund was the project proponent).
<a href="#">California Department of Fish and Wildlife Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration and Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Programs</a>	Not stated. Match not required, but adds to score.	The focus of the Watershed Restoration Grant Program is on watershed restoration and protection projects outside of the Delta. The Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program focuses on water quality, ecosystem restoration, and fish protection facilities that benefit the Delta.	September	Planning, implementation, acquisition, scientific studies, monitoring, and assessments. Indirect costs not to exceed 20 percent. Planning grants can include funding for environmental review.
<a href="#">Storm Water Grant Program - Proposition 1</a>	Planning grants: \$100,000 to \$500,000. Implementation grants \$500,000 to \$5 million. 50 percent non-state match required, but can be reduced for disadvantaged communities.	Multi-benefit storm water management projects.	Spring 2016 and 2018	Planning grants may include assessments, monitoring, geotechnical/technical investigations, or studies needed to complete preparation of the Storm Water Resource Plan. Implementation projects may be located on either public or private lands, and fund projects to infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate, treat, or retain storm water or dry weather runoff.

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<a href="#">State Water Resources Control Board Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Program</a>	Maximum grant not yet determined. 50 percent match required, with potential to reduce for disadvantaged communities.	Prevent or clean up contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as a source of drinking water.	Fall 2016 and 2017	Planning and implementation grants; also technical assistance that can help with assessment, scoping, project development, application preparation, organizational formation, legal assistance, and technical training.
<a href="#">State Water Resources Control Board SB 445 Site Cleanup Subaccount Program</a>	Not stated. Guidelines still under development.	Projects that remediate the harm or threat of harm to human health, safety, or the environment caused by existing or threatened surface or groundwater contamination.	Rolling	Implementation projects. Guidelines are still being developed; it is recommended that applicants contact program staff at <a href="mailto:gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov">gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov</a> Subject Line: SCAP Phone: (800) 813-FUND (3863)
<a href="#">Sierra Fund</a>	No grant programs, but can act as fiscal sponsor for projects related to their mission. Particularly interested in the impacts of abandoned mines on water quality. Call program officer for more information. <a href="http://www.sierrafund.org/contact-us/">http://www.sierrafund.org/contact-us/</a> .			

Please note, this memo does not cover all areas of funding for tribes.

- For water quality program funding, see: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/swgp/prop1/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgp/prop1/). Look for the link on the left to “Funding for California Indian Tribes.”
- For social and health services, see: <http://www.hhs.gov/programs/social-services/homelessness/grants/index.html> and <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/HumanServices/index.htm>.
- For education funding, see: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/oie/index.html>.
- For criminal justice and public safety, see: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/grants>.
- For energy grants, see: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>.